

**CABE 2015 Artist: Laura Lacámara**

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## Biography

Cuban-born Laura Lacámara is the award-winning author and illustrator of *Dalia's Wondrous Hair / El cabello maravilloso de Dalia* (Piñata Books), a bilingual picture book about a clever girl who transforms her unruly hair into a vibrant garden.



Laura also wrote *Floating on Mama's Song / Flotando en la canción de mamá*, a bilingual picture book inspired by her mother, who was an opera singer in Havana. Illustrated by Yuyi Morales and published by HarperCollins, *Floating on Mama's Song* was a Junior Library Guild Selection for Fall 2010 and was a Tejas Star Book Award Finalist for 2011-2012.

Laura earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Drawing and Painting at California State University, Long Beach. She studied printmaking at Self Help Graphics in East Los Angeles and began exhibiting and selling her work.

When a fellow artist suggested Laura's images would be ideal for picture books, Laura signed up for a children's book illustration class at Otis College of Art and Design. She instantly fell in love with both writing and illustrating for children. It was in that class that she wrote the first draft of *Floating on Mama's Song*.

Laura illustrated the 2012 Tejas Star Book Award winner, *The Runaway Piggy / El cochinito fugitivo* (Piñata Books), as well as *Alicia's Fruity Drinks / Las aguas frescas de Alicia* (Piñata Books).

Laura is a popular presenter at schools, book festivals, and conferences, and she is an active member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI). Laura lives in Southern California with her husband, their daughter, and a lovable mutt.